IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A turbocharger guiding grid of variable geometry comprising:

a plurality of guiding vanes (7) arranged around a central axis (R), each vane (7) being connected to a vane shaft (8) pivotal about a pivot~~ing~~ axis ~~(8)~~, said vane shaft further including a crank part (16);

a nozzle ring (6) for supporting said vanes (7) and their vane shaft ~~pivoting axes~~ (8) around said central axis (R);

a unison ring (5) which is pivotable around said central axis (R) relative to said nozzle ring (6); and

a transmission mechanism (16-19) by which said unison ring (5) is connected to said vanes (7) for pivoting said vanes (7) about their respective pivoting axes (8), ~~having a~~ wherein the crank part ~~first transmission element~~ (16) ~~with~~ has an opening (18) in which a drag lever ~~second transmission element~~ (17) is slidably guided,

wherein said ~~second transmission element (17) is a~~ drag lever (17) ~~which~~ is pivotably guided on an associated ring and wherein ~~in that~~ said drag lever (17) immerges into said opening (18) of the crank part ~~first transmission element~~ (16) in an approximately radial direction.

2. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein said drag lever (17) is articulated on said unison ring (5).

3. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein said drag lever (17) has a cornered cross-section.

4. (currently amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein said drag lever (17) abuts, essentially in all its positions, on the entire length of the inner surface of said opening (16, 16').

5. (currently amended) A guiding grid of variable geometry comprising:

a plurality of guiding vanes (7) arranged around a central axis (R), each vane (7) being pivotal about a pivoting axis (8);

a nozzle ring (6) for supporting said vanes (7) and their pivoting axes (8) around said central axis (R);

a unison ring (5) which is pivotable around said central axis (R) relative to said nozzle ring (6); and

a transmission mechanism (16-19) by which said unison ring (5) is connected to said vanes (7) for pivoting said vanes (7) about their respective pivoting axes (8), having a first transmission element (16) with an opening (18) in which a second transmission element (17) is slidably guided,

wherein said second transmission element (17) is a drag lever (17) which is pivotably guided on an associated ring and in that said drag lever (17) immerges into said opening (18) of the first transmission element (16) in an approximately radial direction;

~~The guiding grid according to claim 1~~, wherein said drag lever (17) has a longitudinal axis (A, A'), wherein said longitudinal axis (A, A') is bent with respect to its articulation point (19) measured as bending angle (β), wherein said bending angle (β) is selected so that planes (P1, P2) pass through the central axis (R), through the middle of each respective pivoting axis (8), and through the articulation point (19) of said drag lever (17), and wherein the bending angle (β) is an angle less than about 12°, and that an angle (γ) between the longitudinal axes of bent sections of the drag lever (17) is between about 170° to about 120°.

6. (currently amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein the opening of the crank part (16) ~~first transmission element~~ is a groove (18').

7. (currently amended) A guiding grid of variable geometry comprising:

a plurality of guiding vanes (7) arranged around a central axis (R), each vane (7) being pivotal about a pivoting axis (8);

a nozzle ring (6) for supporting said vanes (7) and their pivoting axes (8) around said central axis (R);

a unison ring (5) which is pivotable around said central axis (R) relative to said nozzle ring (6); and

a transmission mechanism (16-19) by which said unison ring (5) is connected to said vanes (7) for pivoting said vanes (7) about their respective pivoting axes (8), having a first transmission element (16) with an opening (18) in which a second transmission element (17) is slidably guided, wherein said second transmission element (17) is a drag lever (17) which is pivotably guided on an associated ring and in that said drag lever (17) immerges into said opening (18) of the first transmission element (16) in an approximately radial direction;

~~The guiding grid according to claim 1,~~ wherein on at least some of the pivoting axes (8) a support ~~is provided surface~~ surface is provided for the unison ring (5).

8. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein a longitudinal axis (A) of each of the drag levers (17) forms an angle (δ), with a radial plane (r) when the vanes (7) are closed.

9. (currently amended) The guiding grid according to claim 1, wherein said drag lever (17) has a cornered cross-section with a generally square cross-section.

10. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 5, wherein said bending angle (β) is less than about 9°.

11. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 5, wherein said bending angle (β) is less than about 6°.

12. (currently amended) The guiding grid according to claim 5, wherein said angle between the longitudinal axes of bent sections of the drag lever (17) ~~(γ)~~ is about 140°.

13. (cancel)

14. (cancel)

15. (currently amended) The guiding grid according to claim 6, wherein said groove ~~which~~ faces away from the vanes (7).

16. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 7, wherein said support is a support roller (22).

17. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 8, wherein said angle (δ) is not equal to 0°.

18. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 8, wherein said angle (δ) is between about 15° and about 25°.

19. (previously presented) The guiding grid according to claim 8, wherein said angle (δ) is about 20°+/- 2°.